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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Washington, Feb. 20.—For Kansas: Forecast till 8 p.m. Tuesday: Snow, probably followed Wednesday by fair; cold weather; northerly winds.

A LONG TIME AGO John Sherman was not as strong a protectionist as he is now. In 1863 he said: "Every advance toward a free exchange of commodities is an advance in civilization; every obstruction to a free exchange is born of the same narrow, despotic spirit which planted castles upon the Rhine to plunder peaceful commerce."

Mrs ANNIE DIGGS has been talking to Richard H. Lindsey, Washington correspondent of the Kansas City Times about Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lease. Her remarks were not strictly complimentary to Mrs. Lease. She said:

"Our people have shown a wonderful forbearance in their treatment of Mrs. Lease," cautiously began Mrs. Diggs. "But they will not forget that she is much longer. She is altogether wrong in this fight, and the only mistake Gov. Lewelling made is in removing her before he gave his reasons."

"I shall never forget it at St. Louis," said Mrs. Diggs, changing the subject, "when we were holding our great convention. Mrs. Lease came to the convention dead set against an equal suffrage plank in the platform. She insisted that the time had not yet come for it, that was most wait. As you know I was determined to have an equal suffrage plank in the platform.

Several courses were served, and then Mrs. Lease in the high-toned hotel and said: "You have an opportunity, sister, to do more for the cause than any other woman who has preceded you. You can make a greater name for yourself than Miss Anthony, or Mrs. Somers, or Miss Willard, or any of them. You just demand to be heard, and speak for this resolution of mine declaring unequivocally for equal suffrage." She hung her head for a moment, and then broke forth with "God bless you, Anna, it is right; I will do it." And she did, and we took the convention by storm. Then, after the committee on resolutions had decided to incorporate the equal suffrage plank, I came to the hotel just at daybreak one morning. There I saw Colonel Polk, just as pale as he was when I first saw him in his coffin. Such a look I never beheld on the face of a living man. 'Mrs. Diggs,' he said, 'what have you done? what have you done? You have put a club in the hands of the enemy to beat our brains out with. If that delegation goes through every southern delegation will leave the convention in the morning.'

"I knew he was in earnest, and when he asked me to consent to its amendment I promised that I would in the interest of harmony, but would have to defer to what Mrs. Lease thought about it. I found her later in the morning and told her what would happen if the resolution passed. General Weaver was with her at the time, and she had no sooner given her consent to a compromise resolution than he rushed to the convention, proclaiming to the committee that the woman, in the interest of harmony, had agreed to a milder resolution. I tell you that was some of a lifetime, for the brethren broke down and cried in the enthusiasm of the moment."

But this story, which told so quickly Mrs. Lease's changed front on the suffrage question, was not the only one. Mrs. Diggs had to prove how quickly that lady could shift her bearing.

"Mrs. Lease now complains because Governor Lewelling is recognizing the fusionists," she said. "Did you know that Mrs. Lease was the original fusionist? It's a fact, and at our first state convention she was one of the chief supporters of ex-Governor Robinson for the Populist nomination. She wanted to make the nominating speech, but she had not at that time achieved such prominence as she later acquired, and was denied the privilege. But she was a fusionist nevertheless, and thought this was the only chance to win."

"How will this trouble with Mrs. Lease affect Governor Lewelling?" I asked.

"He will have to make the race for governor now. Even if he had not at first been induced to do so the charges brought against him by Mrs. Lease would force the candidacy for a vindication. The Populists of Kansas are with him, I am sure, and you will see that he makes the race."

ENDORSE CURTIS.

The Young Men's Republican Club says a Good Word for him.

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NEW MUSICAL CLUB.

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A permanent organization will be perfected. Among those who have attended the meetings so far are the following: Mrs. G. W. Parkhurst, Mrs. Wear, Mrs. Lingafelt, Miss Lester, Misses Hollister, Johnston, and Misses Sharer, Rosenthal, Hinckley and Moore. It is the intention to place the club on the same basis as the Apollo club of Chicago. The club will not be a money making scheme, but simply for the study of music. Prof. Leib of Kansas City will train the singers.

KANSAS PARAGRAPHS.

Football is still being played at Great Bend.

Miss Vote of Chase is much sought after by local politicians.

The first thing the new mayor of Pleasanton did was to put a stop to crap shooting.

Between Phillipsburg and Colby there

are still to be seen a number of sod houses doing duty as residences.

Sherman county is getting ready to attach R. & M. property in case its bill for \$7,000 taxes is not attended to pretty soon.

With an illustrated biography each week and a prize gift all the same day show that Grand's claims to rapid progress are wholly unfounded.

The woman suffragists of Kingman are requesting the men to sign pledges to vote for the amendment; they don't believe in verbal promises.

Abilene people interpret things to suit themselves, says the Reflector. A "P.P.C." card was taken to be an invitation to join a People's party club.

A strong City man who heard that a surprise party was going to be given him at the STATE JOURNAL office for the sole purpose of taking this report, which comes from the ground floor, in, was so importunate and important news up to 8 p.m., after a wire running into this office and used only for the day, Associated Press messages between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Parsons claims almost double the population of Oswego and Cheyenne, combined, and more than the combined population of all the towns in Labette county.

El Dorado Republican: There is a poor young man in this town who buys candy and bouquets for the girls and cigars for himself and has them charged to his mother.

There are some people, at least, in western Kansas, who are not starving. Three girls, at Pratt, two under the age of 12 years and one 10 years of age, weigh together 300 pounds.

A Methodist at Hutchinson claims that the reason so many people are being converted throughout the country is cold weather; that there are no dollars to worship and they are now worshipping God.

In order to get a crowd at the opera house down at Arkansas City it is necessary to assure the public that the matinée will be "perfectly comfortable." This shows that go to that place are the back-stoppers.

AT THE BANQUET TABLE.

The Congregational Club enjoys an evening at the Church Parlor.

Last evening at the First Congregational church the Congregational dinner and held a business session at 6 p.m. When the business was concluded Rev. Mr. Broad arose and said that the Rev. J. Newton Brown, editor of the Northwestern Congregationalist, of Evanston, Illinoian, was present and moved that the club ask this gentleman to give a short talk. Rev. Mr. Brown made some interesting remarks, and urged the establishment of a large religious paper to thoroughly represent the people west of the Mississippi.

A Methodist was appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of the late president, T. Dwight Foster.

At the sound of the piano in the lecture room of the church, the reverent members and visitors stood in and out for over an hour.

Rev. Mr. Broad was master of ceremonies.

After the dinner was over, after which the ladies of the church brought out the sandwiches, which were done justice to by the number of the guests.

Several courses were served, and the ladies are to be complimented on their efforts.

They will meet hereafter in the New Methodist Tabernacle.

Mrs. Moody and Sankey, the great evangelists, still devote themselves exclusively to the work which has made them famous. It is nearly a quarter of a century now since these men began their united efforts for the conversion of sinners, and each of them had been employed in ministerial labors long before that, yet the people seem never to tire of hearing them tell the old, old story of salvation through the gospel of Christ, and unbroken still marvel at their great success.

They do not confine themselves to evangelistic work in the great cities, whose invitations come to them from the very far reaches of Macedonia in apostolic times.

Their untiring enthusiasm finds work to do in the summer season, when such meetings as they hold in the winter would be inconveniences.

During the last six months of the war he commanded a battalion of artillery.

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The tables were clear, and the president announced a collection for the Orphans' quarterly.

Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Sharrer and Misses Coopersmith this quarter, and these collections were rendered in a most artistic manner.

Rev. Dr. Cordley of Lawrence was introduced and gave some reminiscences of the late president of the church, T. Dwight Foster.

Rev. W. B. Macklow, senior pastor, and Rev. T. V. Davies, junior pastor, of the Congregational church of Salina were present at the banquet.

The committee on the Thacher resolution was called upon and submitted the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in the sudden death of our beloved friend and president, T. Dwight Foster, the Topeka Congregational church has lost a kind and zealous associate from whose wise counsel and intelligent consecration to Christian service we had hoped to profit; that the community has lost a citizen whose influence was felt in all that tends to promote righteousness, and that the state has lost a patriot whose labors in the cause of freedom and human rights in the early days of our commonwealth, laid the foundations for the civil liberty we now enjoy, and to whose quiet and unassuming, yet persistent advocacy of every good work our state owes much of its progress.

The evening closed with the benediction by the Rev. W. B. Macklow.

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CANDIDATE KOHL.

He Divides His Time Between Politics and Raising Watermelons and Cotton.

Hon. Remsen F. Kohl is again a candidate for the governorship of Alabama, and the political skies of the cotton states will be painted with the gorgeous colors of a tropical sunset between now and election day. Mr. Kohl is a farmer and ever since the war has enjoyed a national reputation as a scientific agriculturist. He is especially well known as a watermelon and cotton grower, and he ships watermelons and cotton seed all over the south and southwest and even to China, Japan and southern Russia, as well as to various South and Central American countries.

In 1879 he was appointed a trustee of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Auburn, and in 1886 Governor Seay appointed him state commissioner of agriculture, an office which he filled for four years. During his term he organized

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